

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1-43. (canceled)

44. (currently amended) An apparatus for providing an electronic article stored in an article database to a client computer connected to the apparatus via a network, the apparatus comprising:

a transmitting unit that transmits a summary of a plurality of electronic articles stored in the article database to the client computer;

a receiving unit that receives a specification from the client computer in response to the summary, the specification specifying which electronic article is selected by a user of the client computer;

an extracting unit that extracts a plurality of electronic articles from the article database based on the specification;

an advertisement extracting unit that extracts an advertisement from an advertisement database based on the electronic articles extracted by the extracting unit;

a ~~compiling-creating~~ unit that ~~compiles-creates~~ a homepage based on the electronic articles extracted by the extracting unit and the advertisement extracted by the advertisement extracting unit; and

an uploading unit that uploads the ~~electronic articles compiled by the compiling-unit~~ homepage created by the creating unit to a predetermined website.

45. (canceled)

46. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~45~~44, further comprising:
a number-of-times calculating unit that calculates a first number of times an advertisement is extracted from the advertisement database by the advertisement extracting unit, or a second number of times an advertisement is ~~compiled-~~used for creating the homepage by the ~~compiling-creating~~ unit; and

an accounting-fee calculating unit that calculates accounting fee incurred by an advertiser of an advertisement based on any one of the first number of times and the second number of times that correspond to the advertisement and are calculated by the number-of-times calculating unit.

47. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 44, further comprising a website notifying unit that notifies the website to which the ~~electronic articles compiled by the compiling unit~~homepage is uploaded by the uploading unit to the client computer.

48. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~45~~44, wherein the ~~compiling-creating unit re-compiles the electronic articles~~recreates the homepage when any one of the electronic articles extracted by the extracting unit and the advertisement ~~compiled by the compiling unit~~extracted by the advertisement extracting unit is updated.

49. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 48, further comprising a ~~re-compilation~~recreation notifying unit that notifies the client computer that a ~~re-compiling of the electronic articles~~recreation of the homepage has been performed.

50. (currently amended) An apparatus for providing an electronic article stored in an article database to a client computer connected to the apparatus via a network, the apparatus comprising:

a transmitting unit that transmits a summary of a plurality of electronic articles stored in the article database to the client computer;

a first receiving unit that receives a first specification from the client computer in response to the summary, the first specification specifying which electronic article is selected by a user of the client computer;

a first extracting unit that extracts a plurality of electronic articles from the article database based on the first specification;

a first advertisement extracting unit that extracts an advertisement from an advertisement database based on the electronic articles extracted by the first extracting unit;

a first compiling-preparing unit that compiles-prepares an electronic mail based on the electronic articles extracted by the first extracting unit and the advertisement extracted by the first advertisement extracting unit;

a second receiving unit that receives a second specification from the client computer in response to the electronic articles ~~compiled by the first compiling~~ mail prepared by the preparing unit, the second specification specifying which electronic article is selected by the user of the client computer;

a second extracting unit that extracts a plurality of electronic articles from the article database based on the second specification;

a second advertisement extracting unit that extracts an advertisement from the advertisement database based on the electronic articles extracted by the second extracting unit;

~~a second compiling-creating unit that compiles-creates a homepage based on the electronic articles extracted by the second extracting unit~~ and the advertisement extracted by the second advertisement extracting unit; and

an uploading unit that uploads the ~~electronic articles compiled by the second compiling unit~~ homepage created by the creating unit to a predetermined website.

51. (canceled)

52. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~51~~50, further comprising:

a number-of-times calculating unit that calculates a first number of times an advertisement is extracted from the advertisement database by any one of the first advertisement extracting unit and the second advertisement extracting unit, or a second number of times an advertisement is ~~compiled by any one of~~ used for any one of preparing the electronic mail by the first compiling-preparing unit and creating the homepage by the second compiling-creating unit; and

an accounting-fee calculating unit that calculates accounting fee incurred by an advertiser of an advertisement based on any one of the first number of times and the second number of times that correspond to the advertisement and are calculated by the number-of-times calculating unit.

53. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 50, further comprising a website notifying unit that notifies the website to which the ~~electronic articles compiled by the second compiling unit~~ homepage is uploaded by the uploading unit to the client computer.

54. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~51~~50, wherein ~~the first compiling unit and the second compiling unit re-compiles the electronic articles~~ the creating unit

recreates the homepage when any one of the electronic articles extracted by the second extracting unit and the advertisement ~~compiled by any one of the first compiling unit and the second compiling unit~~ extracted by the second advertisement extracting unit is updated.

55. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 54, further comprising a ~~re-compilation~~recreation notifying unit that notifies the client computer that a ~~re-compiling of the electronic articles~~ recreation of the homepage has been performed.

56. (currently amended) An apparatus for providing an electronic article stored in an article database to a client computer connected to the apparatus via a network, the apparatus comprising:

a transmitting unit that transmits a summary of a plurality of electronic articles stored in the article database to the client computer;

a receiving unit that receives a specification from the client computer in response to the summary, the specification specifying which electronic article is selected by a user of the client computer;

an extracting unit that extracts a plurality of electronic articles from the article database based on the specification;

a ~~compiling-preparing~~ unit that ~~compiles-prepares an electronic mail based on the~~ electronic articles extracted by the extracting unit; and

~~an article-~~a transmitting unit that transmits the electronic articles-compiled-mail prepared by the ~~compiling-preparing~~ unit to the client computer.

57. (currently amended) A method of providing an electronic article stored in an article database to a client computer via a network, the method comprising:

transmitting a summary of a plurality of electronic articles stored in the article database to the client computer;

receiving a specification from the client computer in response to the summary, the specification specifying which electronic article is selected by a user of the client computer;

~~article-~~extracting a plurality of electronic articles from the article database based on the specification;

extracting an advertisement from an advertisement database based on the extracted electronic articles;

~~compiling-creating a homepage based on the electronic articles extracted at the article-extracting and the advertisement;~~ and
uploading the ~~electronic articles compiled at the compiling~~homepage to a predetermined website.

58. (cancelled)

59. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~58~~57, further comprising re-extracting another advertisement from the advertisement database when a display order of the electronic articles compiled at the compiling is changed at the client computer.

60. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~58~~57, further comprising:
number-of-times-calculating a first number of times an advertisement is extracted from the advertisement database at the advertisement-extracting, or a second number of times an advertisement is ~~compiled at the compiling~~used for creating the homepage; and
accounting-fee-calculating accounting fee incurred by an advertiser of an advertisement based on any one of the first number of times and the second number of times that correspond to the advertisement and are calculated at the number-of-times-calculating.

61. (currently amended) The method according to claim 57, further comprising notifying the website to which the ~~electronic articles compiled at the compiling~~homepage is uploaded at the uploading to the client computer.

62. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~58~~57, further comprising re-~~compiling-creating the electronic articles~~homepage when any one of the electronic articles ~~and or the advertisement compiled at the compiling~~ is updated.

63. (currently amended) The method according to claim 62, further comprising notifying the client computer that a re-~~compiling-creation~~ of the ~~electronic articles~~homepage has been performed.

64. (currently amended) A method of providing an electronic article stored in an article database to a client computer via a network, the method comprising:

transmitting a summary of a plurality of electronic articles stored in the article database to the client computer;

first-specification-receiving a first specification from the client computer in response to the summary, the first specification specifying which electronic article is selected by a user of the client computer;

first-article-extracting a plurality of electronic articles from the article database based on the first specification;

extracting a first advertisement from an advertisement database based on the first extracted electronic articles;

~~first-article-compiling~~preparing an electronic mail based on the electronic articles extracted at the first-article-extracting and the first advertisement;

second-specification-receiving a second specification from the client computer in response to the electronic articles ~~compiled at the first-article-compiling~~mail prepared by the preparing unit, the second specification specifying which electronic article is selected by the user of the client computer;

second-article-extracting a plurality of electronic articles from the article database based on the second specification;

extracting a second advertisement from an advertisement database based on the second extracted electronic articles;

~~second-article-compiling~~creating a homepage based on the electronic articles extracted at the second-article-extracting and the second advertisement; and

uploading the ~~electronic articles compiled at the second-article-compiling~~homepage to a predetermined website.

65. (cancelled)

66. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~65~~64, further comprising re-extracting another advertisement from the advertisement database when a display order of the electronic articles ~~compiled at any one of the first-article-compiling and the second-article-compiling~~ is changed at the client computer.

67. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~65~~64, further comprising:
number-of-times-calculating a first number of times an advertisement is extracted from the advertisement database at any one of the first advertisement-extracting or the second

advertisement extracting, or a second number of times an advertisement is ~~compiled at any one of the first article compiling and the second article compiling~~used for preparing the electronic mail or creating the homepage; and

accounting-fee-calculating accounting fee incurred by an advertiser of an advertisement based on any one of the first number of times and the second number of times that correspond to the advertisement and are calculated at the number-of-times-calculating.

68. (currently amended) The method according to claim 64, further comprising notifying the website to which the ~~electronic articles compiled at the second article compiling~~homepage is uploaded at the uploading to the client computer.

69. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~65~~64, further comprising re-~~compiling-creating the electronic articles~~homepage when any one of the electronic articles and ~~or the advertisements compiled at any one of the first article compiling and the second article compiling~~ is updated.

70. (currently amended) The method according to claim 69, further comprising notifying the client computer that a re-~~compiling-creation~~ of the electronic articles has been performed.

71. (currently amended) A method of providing an electronic article stored in an article database to a client computer via a network, the method comprising:

transmitting a summary of a plurality of electronic articles stored in the article database to the client computer;

receiving a specification from the client computer in response to the summary, the specification specifying which electronic article is selected by a user of the client computer;

extracting a plurality of electronic articles from the article database based on the specification;

~~compiling-preparing an electronic mail based on~~ the electronic articles extracted at the extracting; and

transmitting the ~~electronic articles compiled~~mail ~~at the compiling~~ to the client computer.

72. (currently amended) A computer-readable recording medium that stores therein a computer program for providing an electronic article stored in an article database to a client computer via a network, wherein the computer program causes a computer to execute:

transmitting a summary of a plurality of electronic articles stored in the article database to the client computer;

receiving a specification from the client computer in response to the summary, the specification specifying which electronic article is selected by a user of the client computer;

~~article~~-extracting a plurality of electronic articles from the article database based on the specification;

extracting an advertisement from an advertisement database based on the extracted electronic articles;

~~compiling-creating a homepage based on the electronic articles-extracted at the article-extracting and the advertisement;~~ and

uploading the ~~electronic articles-compiled at the compiling~~homepage to a predetermined website.

73. (cancelled)

74. (currently amended) The computer-readable recording medium according to claim ~~73~~72, wherein the computer program further causes the computer to execute re-extracting another advertisement from the advertisement database when a display order of the electronic articles ~~compiled at the compiling~~ is changed at the client computer.

75. (currently amended) The computer-readable recording medium according to claim ~~73~~72, wherein the computer program further causes the computer to execute:

number-of-times-calculating a first number of times an advertisement is extracted from the advertisement database at the advertisement-extracting, or a second number of times an advertisement is ~~compiled at the compiling~~used for creating the homepage; and

accounting-fee-calculating accounting fee incurred by an advertiser of an advertisement based on any one of the first number of times and the second number of times that correspond to the advertisement and are calculated at the number-of-times-calculating.

76. (currently amended) The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 72, wherein the computer program further causes the computer to execute notifying the

website to which the ~~electronic articles compiled at the compiling~~homepage is uploaded at the uploading to the client computer.

77. (currently amended) The computer-readable recording medium according to claim ~~73~~72, wherein the computer program further causes the computer to execute re-~~compiling~~ creating the electronic articles homepage when any one of the electronic articles ~~and or the~~ advertisement ~~compiled at the compiling~~ is updated.

78. (currently amended) The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 77, wherein the computer program further causes the computer to execute notifying the client computer that a re-~~compiling~~ creation of the electronic articles homepage has been performed.

79. (currently amended) A computer-readable recording medium that stores therein a computer program for providing an electronic article stored in an article database to a client computer via a network, wherein the computer program causes the computer to execute:

transmitting a summary of a plurality of electronic articles stored in the article database to the client computer;

first-specification-receiving a first specification from the client computer in response to the summary, the first specification specifying which electronic article is selected by a user of the client computer;

first-article-extracting a plurality of electronic articles from the article database based on the first specification;

extracting a first advertisement from an advertisement database based on the first extracted electronic articles;

~~first-article-compiling~~ preparing an electronic mail based on the electronic articles extracted at the first-article-extracting and the first advertisement;

second-specification-receiving a second specification from the client computer in response to the ~~electronic articles compiled at the first-article-compiling~~ mail prepared by the preparing unit, the second specification specifying which electronic article is selected by the user of the client computer;

second-article-extracting a plurality of electronic articles from the article database based on the second specification;

extracting a second advertisement from an advertisement database based on the second extracted electronic articles;

~~second-article-compiling~~creating a homepage based on the electronic articles extracted at the second-article-extracting and the second advertisement; and

~~uploading the electronic articles compiled at the second-article-compiling~~homepage to a predetermined website.

80. (cancelled)

81. (currently amended) The computer-readable recording medium according to claim ~~80~~79, wherein the computer program further causes the computer to execute re-extracting another advertisement from the advertisement database when a display order of the electronic articles ~~compiled at any one of the first-article-compiling and the second-article-compiling~~ is changed at the client computer.

82. (currently amended) The computer-readable recording medium according to claim ~~80~~79, wherein the computer program further causes the computer to execute:

~~number-of-times-calculating a first number of times an advertisement is extracted from the advertisement database at any one of the first advertisement-extracting or the second advertisement extracting,~~ or a second number of times an advertisement is ~~compiled at any one of the first-article-compiling and the second-article-compiling~~used for preparing the electronic mail or creating the homepage; and

~~accounting-fee-calculating accounting fee incurred by an advertiser of an advertisement based on any one of the first number of times and the second number of times that correspond to the advertisement and are calculated at the number-of-times-calculating.~~

83. (currently amended) The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 79, wherein the computer program further causes the computer to execute notifying the website to which the ~~electronic articles compiled at the second-article-compiling~~homepage is uploaded at the uploading to the client computer.

84. (currently amended) The computer-readable recording medium according to claim ~~80~~79, wherein the computer program further causes the computer to execute re-~~compiling~~creating the electronic articleshomepage when any one of the electronic articles ~~and or the~~

advertisements ~~compiled at any one of the first article compiling and the second article compiling~~ is updated.

85. (currently amended) The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 84, wherein the computer program further causes the computer to execute notifying the client computer that a ~~re-compiling~~ creation of the electronic articles has been performed.

86. (currently amended) A computer-readable recording medium that stores therein a computer program for providing an electronic article stored in an article database to a client computer via a network, wherein the computer program causes a computer to execute:

transmitting a summary of a plurality of electronic articles stored in the article database to the client computer;

receiving a specification from the client computer in response to the summary, the specification specifying which electronic article is selected by a user of the client computer;

extracting a plurality of electronic articles from the article database based on the specification;

~~compiling~~ preparing an electronic mail based on the electronic articles extracted at the extracting; and

transmitting the electronic ~~articles compiled~~ mail ~~at the compiling~~ to the client computer.

87. (New) The apparatus according to claim 44, wherein a detailed level of the summary is determined by the user in advance.

88. (New) The apparatus according to claim 44, wherein the specification further specifies whether a homepage is to be created or a electronic mail is to be prepared, and

the creating unit creates the homepage when the specification specifies that a homepage is to be created.

89. (New) The method according to claim 57, wherein a detailed level of the summary is determined by the user in advance.

90. (New) The method according to claim 57, wherein the specification further specifies whether a homepage is to be created or a electronic

mail is to be prepared, and

the homepage is created at the creating when the specification specifies that a homepage is to be created.

91. (New) The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 72, wherein a detailed level of the summary is determined by the user in advance,

92. (New) The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 72, wherein the specification further specifies whether a homepage is to be created or a electronic mail is to be prepared, and

the homepage is created at the creating when the specification specifies that a homepage is to be created.